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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR (KRISTIN KARLSSON)

1. POST REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR MS. KRISTIN KARLSSON, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND TEACHER UNION LEADER, DURING THE PERIOD OF JUNE 21 - JULY 9 OR JULY 26 - AUGUST 13 (DATES DEPENDING ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PROGRAM ASSISTANCE).

2. IN PREPARATION FOR A PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL SYSTEM IN SWEDEN, MS. KARLSSON WANTS TO STUDY THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN THE U.S. IN THE CURRENT EDUCATIONAL DISCUSSION HERE, REFERENCE IS OFTEN MADE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN FLINT, MICHIGAN WHERE THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY SCHOOL SUPPOSEDLY IS BEING CARRIED OUT ON A PRACTICAL LEVEL. SCHOOLS THERE ARE DESCRIBED AS BEING OPEN ALL DAY, ALL YEAR ROUND (7:30 TO 22:00) TO SERVE ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WITH A VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL ACTIVITIES. SHE WISHES TO OBSERVE AND DISCUSS THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF HAVING THE SCHOOL ACCESSIBLE ALL DAY - HOW TEACHERS' WORKLOAD IS EFFECTED, IS SHIFTWORK PRACTISED, THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE DEANS, THE COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR, VOCATIONAL COUNSELLORS, POLICE COUNSELLORS, STUDENTS, PTA, ADULT EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS ETC. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON WHAT EFFECT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS HAVE ON TRUANTS AND DROP-OUTS, HOW YOUNG AND ADULTS ACQUIRE SALABLE SKILLS, SENIOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT, COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOL

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AND COMMUNITY, HOW THE OPTIONAL TIME BLOCKS ARE ORGANIZED AND UTILIZED, RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, THE

USE OF PARAPROFESSIONALS IN TEACHING, PARENT INFLUENCE, PERSONALIZED CURRICULUM PROGRAMS, COUNSELING TEAMS, CASE CONFERENCES ETC.

3. MS. KARLSSON IS AWARE THAT SCHOOLS NORMALLY BREAK FOR SUMMER VACATION BUT IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN FLINT, MICHIGAN, OPERATE YEAR ROUND. SHE PROPOSES TWO ALTERNATIVE DATES FOR HER VISIT, JUNE 21-JULY 9 OR JULY 26 - AUGUST 13. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT PERIOD WOULD BE BEST. ALSO THERE MAY BE OTHER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE, ALTHOUGH FLINT, MICHIGAN, HAS BEEN GIVEN THE MOST ATTENTION IN SWEDISH DISCUSSIONS. PLEASE ADVISE US OF POSSIBLE FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

4. BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

- A) EVA KRISTIN KARLSSON
- B) BORN IN RONNEBY, APRIL 13, 1931
- C) HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS; CHAIRPERSON OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE SWEDISH TEACHER ASSOCIATION.
- D) BELLISGATAN 12, 434 00 KUNGSBACKA
- E) SWEDISH CITIZEN
- F) DIPLOMA FROM TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE
- G) TRAVELS IN WEST EUROPE AND ROUMANIA
- J) GOOD ENGLISH.

5. IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION, MS. KARLSSON NEEDS TO KNOW SOONEST IF PROGRAM ASSISTANCE IS FEASIBLE. APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY.

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